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A preparation for the forthcoming heavy demand for 2c and 3c stamps to mail Christmas cards is indicated by the report of plate activity at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the month of October. Numbers assigned to plates were:—

Trucking 3c commem. 200 subject plates, numbered 24867-8-9-70-71-72.

Patton 3c commem. 200 subject plates, numbered 24875-6-7-8-9-80.

New York 3c commem. 200 subject plates, numbered 24881-2-3-4-5-6.

New York 3c commem. ASDA Show exhibition plate, numbered 24887. (It should be noted that no stamps are available from this plate. All printed from it were destroyed).

Presidential 3c coil. 170 subject plates, numbered 24873-4.

Postage stamp printing plates which were sent to press and printed from for the first time in October are:—

Presidential 2c regular. 400 subject plates, numbered 24373, 24711.

Presidential 3c coil. 170 subject plates, numbered 24600, 24797-8, 24801-2, 24813, 24815, 24856.

Presidential 3c regular. 400 subject plates, numbered 24792, 24795-6, 24799-800, 24807-8, 24817.

Presidential \$1 regular. 100 subject plates, numbered 24836 (frame), and 24835 (vignette).

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Eleven plates were cancelled from further use at the Bureau during October. All of them were used sufficiently to warrant no scarce numbers among them. These are:—

24325, 24601—Presidential 2c regular.

24653-4—Presidential 3c coil.

24543-4-5-6—Presidential 3c regular.

23786—Presidential 15c regular.

24412-3—Presidential 3c booklet.

An Enameled Back United States Postal Card, January 2, 1895 Issue

J. F. McGee

I have a collection of U. S. Postal Cards, and one of covers and postal cards with different postmarks of Nebraska towns.

A long-time friend, Glenn M. Wiggins, an Omaha dealer, had a large accumulation of U. S. Postal Cards. He offered to let me go through the lot to see if it contained postmarks of Nebraska towns that I did not have, and obligingly brought the cards to my apartment so I could examine them at leisure. Well, I found five well-struck fancy postmarks of the 1880 period and of the type having the name "Nebraska" in full, and two of scarce Omaha branch postal stations that no longer exist, and which I had lacked.

One card, a non-Nebraskan, (Scott's UX12) had me wondering about its character. That is whether it were an official issue or a private improvement. The card in question is of the 1895 type, and has a bluish-gray enamel-like back. It was used by a New York chemical company. The printed message it carries offers four new coal-tar products to the trade, which I judge were antiseptics. It is addressed to a drug firm at McCune, Kans., and is postmarked at New York, Dec. 24, 1898.

Now, whether this postal with an enameled back represented a government experiment or was of private origin, others must exist, and with other advertising matter on them. That is unless the coating and printing on the back of the card were applied in Germany. For the chemical company of "G. Bischoff & Co.", whose card it was, obviously was German and its products of German origin and manufacture. In fact, it was once a rather common practice in the United States to have large printing jobs done in foreign countries where wages were much lower.

For example, a large shipment of the U. S. Postal Cards of the 1891 issue was sent to Germany for lithographing the pictorial views of the Chicago Columbian Exposition which were to be sold in the U.S. However the backs of the cards were not coated or enameled, although one set of the views was in colors.

Most persons must have observed that the cardboard of U. S. Postal Cards does not provide a suitable surface for artistic printing. The government was aware of this as early as 1893 when it supplied white-back postals for lithographing the official souvenir scenes of the Chicago Columbian Exposition.

When these white-back postals appeared, we can be certain that some of the more progressive printers of the time, with an eye to better and bigger business, requested the government to furnish them with sheets of cards with enameled backs. There must have

been postal regulations that prohibited the altering of the backs of postal cards, or the printers would have had the work done themselves.

Anyway, it seems that the demand for postal cards of special cardboard or of a special finish, influenced congress in granting mailing privilege to private post cards on which the postage could be prepaid with a 1c adhesive stamp. The act was passed on May 19, 1898.

The private post card of white cardboard with a slick surface made possible the picture post card. And the official pictorial views of the Louisiana Purchase, and subsequent national exhibitions are on private post cards.

A novelty in private mailing post cards made its advent around 1904. For instance, if the picture on the back of the card included a building, the windows and other portions would be punched out, likewise the stars and the moon if they happened to be in the sky. The front of the card, which was of a thin semi-transparent substance, was then affixed to the back. When the card was held up to a light, the cutout parts lit up. This type of private post card is much sought after today by collectors.

Dealers' Directory In Fourth Edition

Becoming more of an important world handbook all the time is the "International Stamp Dealers Directory" just released in a 1954 edition by the publishers, Harris Publications, Ltd., 29 Buckingham St. Strand, London WC 2, England. It has a selling price of 75c and can be purchased direct from the Harris firm.

The contents of course, are designed to assist dealers all over the world in discovering various sources of supply and information whether they be the postal administrations of the world, or specialist societies or retailers. There is directory after directory covering

such categories.

While designed for the trade, collectors will find the information almost as helpful as for instance, the list of the philatelic agencies throughout the world where stamps can be purchased at face plus return postage.

Also of interest are the various tables such as that which convert the currency of one nation into that of all the other listed ones; and one which translates pounds into kilograms.

For this fourth edition Tom Morgan has again been the editor. He has this year chosen material of continuing need and interest rather than a balance of that and various articles about philatelic subjects.

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Already Bearing Fruit

In our editorial for November 3, we made several suggestions, many of which have also been made in the past years by other publishers, but the point is that Postmaster General Summerfield has now made an announcement that goes along with many of the suggestions we made in that editorial.



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spotting such things and the Government could depend on their fullest cooperation in hunting down and catching anyone who would attempt such work. Personally we do not believe that the threat would be near so serious as some are inclined to think.

There is opposition however and curiously enough it comes from within the Department. It is said that the old engravers who have done our engraved stamps for years are fearful that their jobs would be insecure. To settle that matter most of them could be pensioned as all must have been in service for a great many years if we can judge by the great similarity in our stamps over the past fifty years or more. These engravers have become experts in certain work as now done on our stamps. Some do the lettering, others the foliage, chief of which has been acanthus leaves which can be traced back to the first Bureau issues. Others do other parts of the stamps and when they are all done there is such a similarity in most issues that it is high time that some younger blood, some modern art, is injected into our stamps.

The British still use engraved stamps for their colonial issues but curiously enough are satisfied with surface printed stamps for their own use and if it is a matter of counterfeiting, they are of a quality that are readily adaptable to such. Their only protection is the watermark and how few people who stick a stamp on an envelope ever know that there is a watermark in the paper.

If fear of counterfeiting deters our own Government from using offset printing and if fear of the loss of their jobs enable the engravers to defeat such a plan, then by all means let us find some engravers who can do some outstanding work; for, few stamps are more beautiful than some of the finely engraved stamps of the world.

Perhaps the greatest fault with most of our modern stamps is the fact that the subjects and the treatment thereof would be more fitting for a six sheet roadside poster than for a postage stamp.

Thus perhaps it is not the fault of the engravers, but the fault of those who pick and approve the designs. Let us make the necessary changes and see if we can not produce some attractive engraved stamps.

Among the stamps of the past twenty-five years we think the Penn. Oglethorpe and Kosciuszko were very attractive stamps and these are all in the small normal size most preferred by the public. Many others are quite attractive but mostly with too much ornamentation and decoration, omission of some of which would have improved their appearance.

However, the word from Washington is encouraging and is in line with the wishes of the collecting public for several years past. We shall wait and see what we shall see.

Blame It On The Girls

A survey was taken recently to find out which subject in Topical collecting was the most popular and we have a very good notion that in this survey, the girls put something over on you fellows who have been collecting trains on stamps for so many years. In fact if memory serves us right, Trains on Stamps seems to have been almost the first of the Topical subjects that ever got very far. This was followed up by Ships on Stamps, Animals on Stamps and kept on expanding until in more recent years Topical collecting has burst out all over so that there are few subjects illustrated on our stamps that do not have some following among some collectors somewhere.

Many of these subjects are little heard of or little spoken of because the followers are too few, yet we know of some Topical collections that if they have been kept up as their builders once kept them, they would make an outstanding collection in any Topical competition.

Perhaps the principal collection of this nature that comes to our mind is that of a professor at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. His class work had to do with Architecture. As he was a stamp collector he began a collection of the Architecture of the world as shown on Postage Stamps and it should be easily seen by anyone that this is a tremendous field and one that could be intriguing to any architect.

Architecture however is seldom spoken of in Topical collecting circles. The subjects most followed are limited to ten or a dozen different fields and curiously enough in the survey taken of the most popular Topicals it turned out to be for a subject that is comparatively new as a Topical subject. We believe it was the girls that put this one over as Flowers on Stamps was voted the most popular and we all know that interest in this subject spread like wildfire after the several issues of stamps picturing native flowers of various countries came into being in the past few years. We believe the big boost came from Hungary with its issue of 1950 and followed by issues from several other countries in rapid succession, some in sets, others just single stamps but during the past year perhaps the most attractive have been those of the Portuguese Colonies, Congo etc.

Truly, these are all beautiful and colorful stamps and the girls have gone for them in a big way. Who knows, perhaps more beautiful stamps will add a lot of female philatelists to our hobby and we are glad to welcome them.

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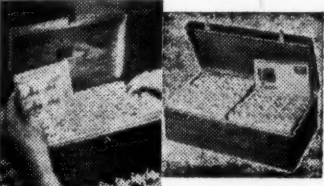
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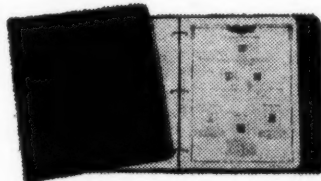
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points. Here, as elsewhere, all eyes were turned toward the far-off Pacific Coast. The following year Waddell and others, among them Robert B. Bradford, his brother in law, financed a party to go to the gold fields.

In 1853 he became a partner in Smock & Waddell, wholesale and retail merchants, and buyers of hemp, produce, etc. The following year he, with Russell, helped organize the Lexington Mutual Fire & Marine Insurance Company and became one of its directors. In 1853 the firm of Waddell & Russell contracted to deliver military supplies to Fort Riley. The amount was not large but it was important in that this was Waddell's first experience with the freighting business.

The firm secured no contract in 1854. Therefore Waddell & Russell tried the experiment of loading a wagon train with goods and sending it to California under R. W. Durham. It left the Missouri River at the usual time, and arrived in the vicinity of Sacramento on September 8, having lost one man and twenty per cent of their oxen on the way.

While the Durham train was crawling across half the continent toward California, Waddell and Russell were negotiating the formation of a new firm with Alexander Majors of Westport. This resulted in the signing of a co-partnership agreement to become effective January 1, 1855.

It provided that the firm should engage in the business of selling goods, wares, and merchandise, general trading in stock, wagons, teams and other items used in outfitting persons for crossing the plains, and in freighting for the United States government or anyone else.

The business was to be conducted in Lexington under the name of Waddell, Russell & Company, and in Jackson County under the name of Majors & Russell. On April 10, 1855, an additional clause was added authorizing the operation of a general dry goods, grocery, and outfitting store in Leavenworth, Kansas Territory, under the name of Majors, Russell & Company. The partnership was to run two years, and the firm was capitalized at \$60,000, one third of which was furnished by each of the members. In the advertisements announcing the opening of the Leavenworth store the names Majors, Russell & Company and Russell, Majors & Waddell were used.

It has been said again and again that Waddell furnished the money for the great undertaking they had in mind. Nothing could be further from the truth than this. Waddell furnished his part, and that was all. Both Russell and Majors were amply able to contribute their share, and did so. It has also been said that Majors and Russell organized the firm and took Waddell in after it was in operation. That is not true either, as the original contract attests. The simple fact is that the three of them got together on an important proposition, pooled their finances, and launched a gigantic enterprise.

The personal characteristics of the partners were admirably adapted to the job they had in hand. Russell went East to represent the firm in Washington, New York, Philadelphia, and other places. His correspondence shows that by early 1858 he was spending most of his time in New York and Washington. Of the three his talents were best adapted to the work assigned him. He was affable, polished, and qualified in every way to deal with bankers, department heads in

Washington, congressmen, and senators.

Majors was concerned chiefly with trains upon the road and was at home only during those months when they were not running. Each season he rode horseback from one end of the route to the other. He had trains of his own in operation, a store in Denver, another in Fort Leavenworth, and a sutler's establishment at Fort Wise. His job was to see that the firm's trains got through on time, and they usually did.

Waddell's responsibility was to see that local financial affairs ran smoothly. Through its office in Lexington, managed by his son John W., he bought and sold thousands of head of cattle. He also supervised the firm's office in Leavenworth, commuting between the two towns on Missouri River steamboats.

Relations between the partners were generally harmonious, but at times Waddell became impatient with William H. Russell and other members of the organization. Sometimes he ignored requests for instructions, neglected important details, for which his son John W. took him to task, and made it difficult for his associates.

Being overburdened with the details of the vast business he came to the conclusion that Russell spent too much time in New York and the East and bluntly told him to come home. At times he questioned Russell's judgment and expenditures, which was something Russell could never tolerate.

Both Majors and Waddell leaned decidedly toward the conservative side of things. Russell was exactly the opposite. He was quick to make decisions, bold in carrying them out, and implicitly believed that every enterprise with which he was connected would turn out to be a bonanza. Majors and Waddell were deliberate, conservative, slow to make decisions, and unwilling to take long chances.

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45	Bond17	.19	.75	.25	.13
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52-54	Festiva14	.17	.70	.30	.11
55	Menora hl value	1.35	1.40	5.75	1.70	1.25
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65	Z.O.A.30	.35	1.55	.45	.28
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TRISTAN da CUNHA. As previously announced in this column, Tristan released, on January 2, a new definitive issue of 14 values to 10 shillings. The Crown Agents Stamp Bulletin, in making this announcement, supplied the information that Tristan has some 245 inhabitants, plus about 25 expatriate residents connected with the church, administration, school, meteorological and wireless stations.

This large ??? population had no stamps until 1951-1952 when 12 stamps of St. Helena were overprinted. Why did the authorities not include a Pound value? My best estimate is that 99% of the new stamps will go to collectors, who will part with good dollars for these unnecessary high values.

OTHER RELEASES. As previously announced, the following new issues have been released:

BAHAMAS. On Jan. 1 a new definitive issue of 16 values to the Pound.

HONG KONG. On Jan. 5, 12 new values and colors from 5c to \$10.00.

ADEN-KATHIRI. On Jan. 15 a new definitive issue of 10 values to 10/-.

BARBADOS. On Jan. 4 a new 5c value.

GRENADA. On Jan. 12 a 1/2c with the portrait changed.

DOMINICA. On Jan. 15 the 4 & 8c stamps with portrait changed.

FALKLAND DEPENDENCIES. The much discussed new definitive issue of 15 values from 1/2d to one Pound, will be released February 1. Perhaps the Penguins will prepare first day covers of the Pound stamp. If you want this cover, write to your favorite penguin!

SEYCHELLES. On February 1, this colony will release a new Elizabeth set of 15 values from 2c to 10R.

VINDICATION. Now that the Puff Ball in England has "shot his bolt," this column will ignore any future statements by this unreliable columnist. However, the writer feels that he has been vindicated in connection with his comments about the excessive high value stamps, by Stanley Gibbons of London. In the introduction to their 1954 Two Reigns Catalogue, they state:

"Colonial authorities are strongly advised to carefully consider real postal needs when deciding upon the values to be issued. The figures we quoted last year of approximate costs of the new Elizabethan are on the low side, for we did not imagine that the Falkland Dependencies were going to issue stamps to the Pound in face value, and that places like Gambia and British Solomon Islands were also to have Pound stamps. In our opinion there is no real argument in favor of them."

This statement by an authority like Stanley Gibbons is along the same lines that this column has been discussing for about a year, and their statement will have more weight than British Empire Chatter AND—may produce results.

Precancel Jamboree At Wichita, Kansas

The first annual stamp jamboree of the Kansas Precancel Society is to be staged February 6 and 7 in the guest room of the Coca Cola Bottling Co. in Wichita, Kansas.

However, precancels will not claim all the attention—collectors of other stamps and covers will find activity enough in their fields to make their visit worthwhile.

Additional information can be gotten from John J. Herbst, P. O. Box 1551, Wichita, Kansas.

The first St. Thomas and Prince Islands stamps appeared in 1869.

SPECIAL EDITIONS

Various dealers will want to time some of their advertising to appear in conjunction with the special editions of Linn's Weekly Stamp News sponsored by different specialist groups. These editions are always the last one of each month and contain a splendid amount of information about the particular country or specialty.

The next four editions of a special nature are as follows:—

January 25—AMERPO

February 22—Philatelic Library Assn.

March 29—Collectors of Religion on Stamps Society.

April 26—International Society of Japanese Philatelists.

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

Clubs or societies agreeable to sponsoring a special edition can get the details on request.

SFTW Seeks Supplies Volunteer Helpers

Entering the tenth year of its existence, Stamps for the Wounded, philately's volunteer service committee, is more active than ever despite the fact that supplies very frequently are much smaller than the demand for them by hospitalized servicemen in more than 100 V. A. centers all over the country.

Although S.F.T.W. still serves a number of "transients" as it did during the war years, its biggest problem today is keeping those men supplied who unhappily are destined to remain invalided and hospitalized for ten or more years. According to the Veterans Administration, the need for recreational activities that will keep mind and hands occupied is paramount for men who know they have long years of convalescence ahead of them. Stamp collecting, according to these same officials, is the perfect avocation.

Some quantities of supplies are received from business firms; a small number of dealers and a handful of collectors but with the increasing demand for more varieties to advance servicemen's collections, it is practically imperative that more material be donated.

But what is more important, is the need for more experienced collectors who live near V. A. hospitals to serve as personal S.F.T.W. representatives to help the hospitalized men in their collecting activities. Collectors willing to accept the invitation to join S.F.T.W., or who have stamps, catalogues or accessories to donate, are asked to communicate with the nearest S.F.T.W. representative or Ernest Kehrer, national chairman, 230 W. 41st St., New York 36, N. Y.

Early March Dates For Springfield Show

The annual exhibition of the Springfield, Ohio Stamp Society will be a two day affair in the Towne Room of the Hotel Bancroft on March 6 and 7. It will be open to the public without charge.

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85	.04	200	.10	239	.25	135	.04	130	.10	104	.12	141	.03
85	.02	202	.12	242	.03	136	.05	131	.12	115	.06	141*	.03
86	.03	203	.17	243	.04	137	.07	132	.14	116	.05	142	.03
88	.03	207	.06	244	.04	138	.10	133	.03	118	.07	143	.05
89	.04	208	.06	247	.06	143	.08	137	.12	119	.08	144	.05
90	.07	209	.70	248	.08	145	.06	138	.05	122	.22	146	.06
94	.06	217	.03	250	.04	151	.02	140	.06	127	.04	147	.16
96	.10	218	.03	252	.06	152	.02	142	.05	2d Eils.	.04	156	.02
101	.09	219	.03	253	.03	153	.03	143	.06	3d Eils.	.06	157	.03
102	.15	220	.04	254	.10	154	.03	144	.10	4d Eils.	.12	158	.03
104	.08	221	.06	MR1*	.04	156	.06	146	.03	14	.10	159	.04
Bahamas	222	.10	Br.	157	.06	147	.00	147	.00	25	.20	160	.03
72	.10	Br.	158	.06	148	.02	79	.02	161	.08			
73	.24	Bermud	159	.13	149	.02	80	.03	162	.10			
74	.16	22	160	.20	150	.04	81	.04	174	.18			
79	.17	36	161	.06	151	.10	82	.05	176	.04			
90	.40	41	162	.06	152	.10	83	.06	177	.07			
95*	.03	43	163	.06	153	.04	84	.05	178	.08			
101A	.02	44	164	.07	154	.05	85	.06	179	.09			
102	.02	83	165	.08	155	.06	86	.07	180	.10			
103B	.06	83b	166	.09	156	.07	87	.08	181	.11			
104*	.06	86	167	.10	157	.08	88	.09	182	.12			
105A	.06	87	168	.11	158	.09	89	.10	183	.13			
106	.06	89	169	.12	159	.10	90	.11	184	.14			
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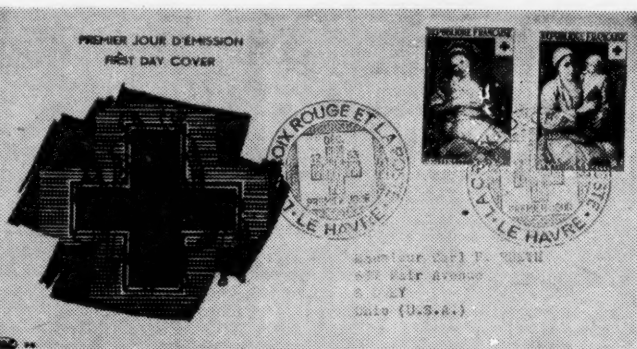
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ADEN — (Kathiri State) — The Crown Agents for the Colonies in Washington advise that ten stamps will be issued on January 15 with a likeness of the new Sultan either in the main design or in an oval panel.

DENMARK—To mark the 100th anniversary of the so-called "Sound telegraph line", this country will issue a 30 ore stamp on February 2. The stamp, printed in red and picturing a telegraph table, was designed by Viggo Bang.

FRANCE—On January 18 four high value airmails will be issued. Denominations and airplanes depicted are to be: 100 francs, Mystere IV; 200fr, Noratlas; 500fr, Magister and 1000fr, Provence.

GERMANY (Western)—On December 31, according to the Bundesminister, twelve sets of stamps were invalidated for postal use. Included among them were the Leonardo da Vinci, Thurn and Taxis and 1952 Welfare stamps. Although they had been planned to go off sale at the same time, the "prisoners of war" stamps will continue to be available through March 31.

GREAT BRITAIN—On January 1, a new permanent airmail form was placed on sale. According to the General Post Office, it is similar in form to the Coronation airmail except that the date "2nd June 1953" does not appear in the stamp design and the Coronation emblem has been omitted from the address panel.

HONG KONG—On January 4, a new 40c Elizabeth II stamp was placed on sale along with five other values in new colors. In addition, the 10c, 50c, and \$1, \$2, \$5 and \$10 denominations have been printed with the only change being in the Royal portrait.

ISRAEL—On January 31 three current values will be withdrawn from sale at all Israel Philatelic Services. The values are the 200 pruta, Conquest of the Desert; the 100p Maccabiah and the 110p Maimonides.

POLAND—According to Varimex, two stamps were released on January 10 noting the development of electric railways.

SAN MARINO — According to information received from Vittorio Lo Bianco, Inc., this country, on December 28, issued a set of nine stamps depicting flowers. Some of the flowers pictured are narcissus, tulips, lilies, gardenias, iris, geraniums and roses.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA — To commemorate the centenary of the founding of the Orange Free State, this British Dominion on February 23 will place on sale a two-value set of stamps. The values are 2d and 4 1/2d. The design will

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The 10, 100 and 500 values are to have February releases, the others in March.

G. Hamori, Tel Aviv, made the six designs which in turn were printed by Lewin-Epstein by the photo-lith offset process. There are 25 stamps to the post office size panes with five descriptive tabs in the bottom row.

Multi-colored first day covers have been prepared by the Philatelic Services, G.P.O. Bldg., Jerusalem, Israel and will be available to all persons. A series of six covers each bearing one stamp of the new series and given a special cancellation at the post office nearest to the landscape depicted will cost 80c.

Mint stamps can be bought in sets at 66c each. Return postage of 26c is to accompany orders for either the above.

Exhibit Collections Of Hospitalized Vets

The American Women's Voluntary Services Stamp Clubs for Hospitalized Veterans will hold their second annual Stamp Exhibit at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, February 10 to 12.

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Max Kaplan, Box 115S, Hollis 23, N. Y. has an inducement for collectors to buy copies of the "New American Stamp Catalog" (Minkus Publications) from him at \$3.00 per copy postpaid. To the first fifty who write him for a copy mentioning Linn's he will include four mint United States commemorative plate blocks of his choice as an attractive bonus.

In early March, Max Bloch, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. will auction the W. S. Hernon collection. It consists of unused airmails practically complete in sets, air letter sheets, 19th and 20th century United States. British Colonials of modern times and general foreign. The catalog of this unreserved sale will be sent soon as printed.

There will be a delay of the set of three commems Iceland had scheduled for February 1, advises Jonas Hallgrímsson, P.O. Box 1116, Reykjavik, Iceland to some weeks later. Dealers and collectors who sent him orders from his December 14 are asked to note the change of date and not write. It will still be possible for others to place orders.

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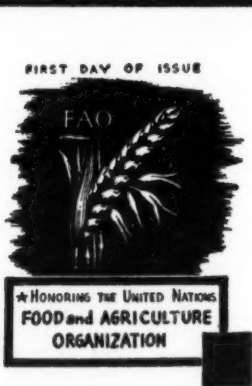
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"I made it about 1938 directly from a print which was still bound in Valentine's Manual for 1858 . . . I could be wrong, but I still think that whoever designed the stamp got his inspiration from that same print. The details differ, but it is still the same picture.

" . . . After he chose, he had to change his scene to depict the fort 107 years before. Out came the British flags and the man-of-war became a merchant ship. Instead of church spires—a Dutch windmill. However the fort remained substantially the same from the Dutch days until the Revolution. During that time its name changed seven times—and believe it or not, it was torn down to provide a mansion for the President of the United States."

1. What commem issued most recently before the NYC stamp pictured an honest-to-goodness fort?
2. On which stamp of the past three years would you see two Japanese?

I see by the Columbia University commem of January 4 that the Bureau still has a supply of that fuzzy blue.

Those of you who have been dragging your feet as far as the Sixth Annual Design Derby is concerned are asked to please mark the ballot right now while you think of it. You can use this one, or you can make your own similar to it, or just write your selections on a postal card and send them to me.

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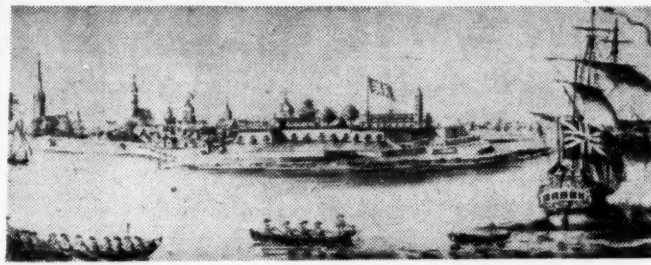
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its successful operation; more than 1200 passengers transported without accident or injury; a second airliner put on scheduled operation in January; extension of service to Brandon, Manatee, Sarasota and points northward to Tarpon Springs. Benoist said the city must take action if a permanent airline was to be formed.

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stamps were being depleted of their duplicates. This needed further help so Corporal Bigg, deciding not to let the stamp club die a natural death through the neglect of donors, approached the Ottawa Kiwanis Club for assistance in his cause.

After making a brief address at one of their luncheons, the Kiwanians all agreed to help out the boys in their need for stamps. All in all, the Kiwanians collected well over 200,000 different foreign stamps for the young philatelists, as well as making regular visits and awarding stamp albums with the Kiwanis crest imprinted on them to outstanding boys who were judged as having the best entry in a stamp exhibition.

These exhibitions were usually judged by local prominent philatelists of some philatelic organization in Ottawa. Each time they accompanied Corporal Bigg on his trips to Alfred, Ont., so that they could help out the boys in their philatelic problems. By this time, the membership in the stamp club at Alfred had reached fifty members.

Carrying on in the absence of Corporal Bigg in the work that he launched are the members of the Bytown Stamp Club and the Ottawa Kiwanis Club.

A letter from Brother Cyprian, St. Joseph's Industrial School, indicates how successful the stamp club has been. (Incidentally, Brother Cyprian took over the stamp club duties from Brother Justinian, who has recently been transferred to another Christian Brother School at Wilow Bunch, Sask., Canada.)

Here are excerpts from Brother Cyprian's letter:

... "Needless to say our Stamp Club has been a success from the beginning, five years ago. The RCMP, Ottawa Kiwanis Club, Ottawa Philatelic Society, RA Stamp Club of Ottawa, Bytown Stamp Club, also of Ottawa and many other Ottawans, too numerous to mention, have helped "stamp" out delinquency. They have contributed material, mostly stamps and encouragement. That is the material and moral backing to the whole thing."

... "As a matter of fact, a new-comer never waits more than a month before he is self-injected with the philatelic 'virus.' He is soon looking at the other boys' albums and he sees how interesting stamp collecting actually is. Some boys will give him their duplicates; this is good in itself. While on the other hand, some other boys are more stingy. This is good, too. For it shows some attachment to property, a minor quality for boys of delinquent background."

... "In an Institution like ours, the activities are mostly 'group' activities. Stamp Collecting offers to the boys an opportunity to perform something more individualistic: the material is theirs and what they collect, they arrange as they please. Some boys find in that, part of the necessary compensation for their reduced liberty. These boys, having been severed from their home activities, which were not always anything to boast about, find in stamp collecting a derivative to their loneliness and to the monotony of life in an Institution like ours, however attractively scheduled the leisure hours are."

... "In one word, our boys collecting stamps are molding their tastes and are forging themselves a certain discipline order—that's unmistakable. Besides they are widening their knowledge in Industry, History, and Geography, vastly imparted by philately."

Brother Cyprian states that at present there are still 50 out of the 120 attending the school members of the stamp club.

In conclusion, Brother Cyprian states in his letter "that it's the hobby that answers their very need. It's a clean and decent hobby that keeps them out of dreaming and mischief."

According to the officials of the Bytown Stamp Club of Ottawa, recently there were some

boys from the stamp club of St. Joseph's taken to Ottawa and given a chance to see the philatelic exhibits at the Philatelic Agency in the Post Office Department, and later were the guests of the Bytown Stamp Club.

Among the many citizens in the United States who have contributed stamps to make this stamp club at St. Joseph's Industrial School a real success has been none other than Clifford O'Dets, of New York, N.Y. Mr. O'Dets has been and still is the great benefactor in contributing stamps and other philatelic material of the boys at Alfred, Ontario.

Should there be any of Linn's readers interested in making some of the boys that much more happier, why not send them your duplicates that you have no desire for any more? Just send the stamps to care of Brother Cyprian, St. Joseph's Industrial School, Alfred, Ontario, Canada. Everything will be acknowledged within 24 hours. It's Brother Cyprian's policy.

Precancel NEWS

Kenneth M. Gierhart
P. O. Box 381
Baltimore, Ohio

WEST MIDDLETOWN, O.

This last of the newly listed OHIO towns appeared during the Holiday season. This is of course a long name but it still was made in two lines. The legend is split as follows: West Middle-town, Ohio. The type is U-121n and was on the 1c President stamp. West Middletown is just what it says, barely a mile west of the Middletown post office just across the Miami River.

A HORRIBLE THOUGHT.

Wilson Smith writing in the FORUM says that he was told that the plates for the issue previous to the Presidentials are still in the vaults in Washington and most of them are in good condition ready to print at a moment's notice should anything go wrong with the present plates or if a quick change of issue is wanted.

Not too many collectors would welcome such an issue unless there were color changes. The BUREAU PRINT collector though could start another new series because all these new items would be of the narrow type. Still it's a horrible thought and I hope we can have a new issue when and if we must have one.

ON THE BACK.

Once in a while, and it's a wonder it doesn't happen more often, we come across press-printed precancels that have been printed on the back. If you have ever fed a printing press and have had any experience with gummed paper much less a stack of gummed sheets that have had a perforator on them you will know what I mean.

Mr. H. J. Gray of Houston Texas tells me that he has discovered a block of 30 of the 16c Houston with the printing on the back or gummed side. As I mentioned this happens now and then and the added value is much of a problem. The things cannot be denied as to their novelty and perhaps scarcity but it's not this kind of scarcity that collectors want so their value is hard to determine. Surely this would be a show piece for an exhibition

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